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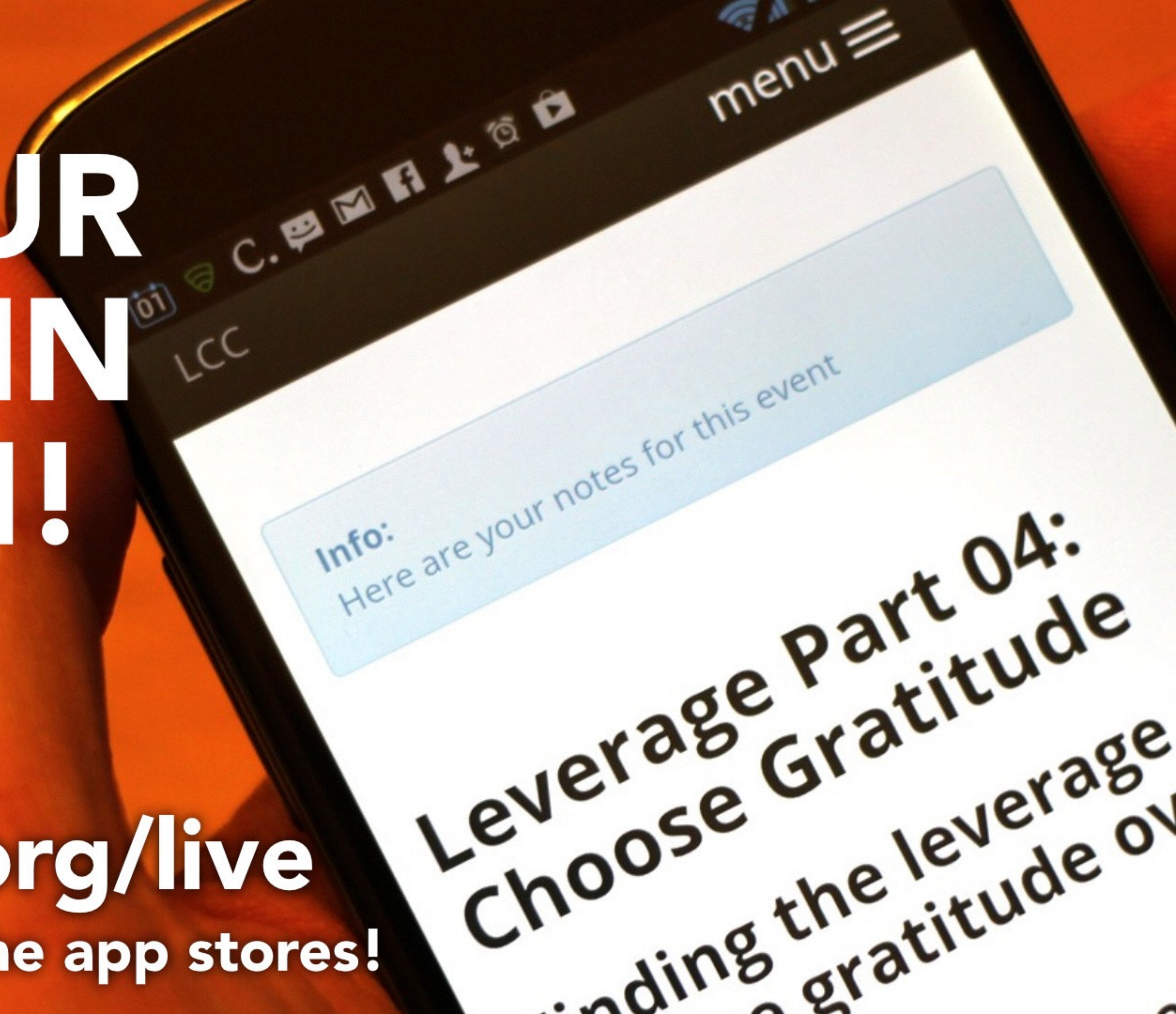
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**HOW
COULD
HE?**



But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them. “You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God...

Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees...

Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals...

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

Mt 3:7-12 NLT

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

Mt 3:13-17 NLT

When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went out to teach and preach in towns throughout the region...

John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” ...

Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen —the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. And tell him, ‘God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.’”...

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces..."

**Were you looking for a prophet? Yes,
and he is more than a prophet. (10)
John is the man to whom the
Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look,
I am sending my messenger ahead of
you, and he will prepare your way
before you.' ...**

“I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!

Matthew 11:1-11 NLT

John's decision to
reach out to Jesus

Doubt is often born of a
TROUBLED MIND or a
BROKEN HEART.

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Get STUCK and become SKEPTICS

A Step Forward: Feed Your Faith

WATCH what God is doing.

**And now, dear brothers and sisters,
one final thing. Fix your thoughts on
what is true, and honorable, and right,
and pure, and lovely, and admirable.
Think about things that are excellent
and worthy of praise.**

Philippians 4:8 NLT

ALLOW God to
COMFORT your heart.

**TRUST that God ALWAYS
Does the RIGHT THING**

Take the **NEXT STEP.**

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